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hierarchy

Main Entry: **hi·er·ar·chy**

Pronunciation: 'hI-(&-)"rär-kE also 'hi(-&)r-"är-

Function: *noun*

Inflected Form(s): *plural -chies*

**1** : a division of angels

**2 a** : a ruling body of clergy organized into orders or ranks each subordinate to the one above it; *especially* : the bishops of a province or nation **b** : church government by a hierarchy

**3** : a body of persons in authority

**4** : the classification of a group of people according to ability or to economic, social, or professional standing; *also* : the group so classified

**5** : a graded or ranked series <Christian *hierarchy* of values> <a machine's *hierarchy* of responses>

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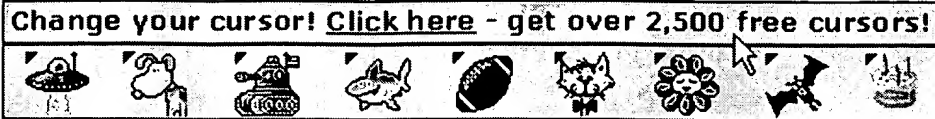
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n : a written form of a musical composition; parts for different instruments appear on separate staves on large pages; "he studied the score of the sonata" [syn: [score](#)]

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